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PETITION TO THE DIRECTOR UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)
TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

The Applicants hereby petition the Director under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the present application based on the non-receipt of a Notification of Missing Requirements mailed on July 14, 2005.

In support of this Petition, the Applicants herewith submit the following:

1. A Declaration of Kevin E. McDermott, the Applicants' attorney, stating the circumstances relating to the non-receipt of the Notification of Missing Requirements. The Declaration explains the procedures used by the law firm of Hoffmann & Baron, LLP, the Applicants' attorneys in prosecuting the present application, in processing incoming mail form

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the Patent Office and docketing dates for any responses. In addition to explaining the law office procedures, the Declaration includes evidence in the form of the office mail log from July 14-25, 2005 and the docket sheet for September 14, 2005, the day on which a response to the Notification of Missing requirements would have been due.

2. A complete response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, including a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the Applicants and the late oath or declaration Surcharge in the amount of \$130.00, which is to be charged to the deposit account of Applicants' attorneys.

Applicants submit that the abandonment of the present application was not due to any fault on their part or on the part of their attorneys, but was caused by the non-receipt of the Notification of Missing Requirements. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that their Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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